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AMBARAWA BATTLE Refugee Camp Besieged By Indonesians

BATAVIA, NOV. 27. LONG LINES OF INDONESIAN WERE OBSERVED TODAY RETREATING SOUTHWARD OUT OF SOURABAYA. THE BRITISH SAID AS FIGHTING FLARED ANEW IN BATAVIA.

A BRITISH PRESS RELEASE STATED THAT THE MOVEMENT OF INDONESIAN TROOPS TOWARDS MALANG, 55 MILES AWAY INDICATED THAT THE NATIVE NATIONALISTS ARE ABANDONING THEIR LAST STRONGHOLD IN THE SOUTHERN SECTION OF SOURABAYA.

Defence Against Atom Bomb

NEW YORK, NOV. 27. LARRY CROSBY, BROTHER OF FILM ACTOR CROSBY, RESEARCH FOUNDATION INTO WHICH THE FAMILY HAS POURED MILLIONS, ANNOUNCED THAT A DEFENCE AGAINST THE ATOM BOMB HAS BEEN FOUND.

Larry helped in the initial stages of the development of the atomic bomb, and the scientific standing of his organization here is high.

He said: "Defence against the atom bomb is so simple that bombs can be exploded miles away without their exact location being determined."

In fact, its very simplicity might prove to be its undoing and the amateur experimenter might unwittingly explode a store of atomic bombs miles away with catastrophic result.

EXPLODED AT WILL. "The bombs can be blown up at will. Naturally I cannot discuss even the basic principle of the defence, but our discoveries are being turned over to the appropriate authorities on condition that they be used solely to compel other nations to play fair."

"These bombs can be detonated without 'defenders' actually knowing the location of the bombs."

The White House and War Department have no comment to make on Crosby's remarks. Associated Press.

Quite A Problem

WASHINGTON, NOV. 27. AS MANY AS 100,000 G-I'S MAY HAVE MARRIED GIRLS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES. IT IS ESTIMATED HERE BUT NO OFFICIALS ARE WILLY TO GUESS HOW MANY OF THE BRIDES WILL EVENTUALLY COME TO THE U.S. TO LIVE.

So far 20,000 have already applied permission to come to the United States.

Starting from January 6,000 to 8,000 married English girls, 5,000 to 10,000 from the European Continent and from 20,000 to 25,000 married Australian or New Zealand girls who will come to the United States.

An administrative board has been set up to handle the movement of brides to the United States, visas, transportation and other technical details.

G-I brides can become American citizens in two years if they wish.—Associated Press.

Catholics In Lead

VIENNA, NOV. 27. THE AUSTRIAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (CATHOLICS) WERE LEADING BY A NARROW MARGIN IN THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD YESTERDAY WITH THE RESULTS FROM TEN CONSTITUENCIES STILL TO COME.

Latest figures—given over Vienna radio are: People's Party 80 seats, Socialists 72, Communists 3.

This means that three more seats will give the Catholics an absolute majority in the new Parliament. But there will in any case be a coalition government for this was agreed upon before the election by the People's Party, Socialists and Communists.—Reuter.

BATAVIA, NOV. 27. This morning's communiqué from Allied Headquarters contains an ominous remark about Semarang, where 50 Royal Marines from the cruiser H.M.S. "Sussex" were landed yesterday.

In spite of this determined opposition the Indian troops advanced a further two miles into the town. Reuter.

MALLABY MURDER. A communiqué issued by the Indonesian information department and referring to the murder of Bruecher-General Mallaby says: "Without waiting to ascertain full particulars of his death the British issued an ultimatum to the people of Sourabaya."

"So humiliating were the terms of the ultimatum that the people of Sourabaya could not accept without losing self-respect."

The communiqué accuses Britain of using all modern weapons and "enlisting the aid of the people they came to disarm—their enemies—the Japanese."

CAMP ATTACKED. BATAVIA, NOV. 27. Indonesians in Sourabaya launched a counter-attack against British troops today. An official British report told of new attacks at Ambarawa and Bandoeng.

Indonesians attacked the released internees' camp, police station at Ambarawa and forced Japanese troops guarding the camp and 10,000 civilian inmates to retire within the camp area for the night.

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Hell Ship

MANTLA, NOV. 27. A defense witness for Lieutenant-General Yamashita who is facing trial here for atrocities committed by the Japanese troops under his command said that the Oromoku Maru, prison ship and hell hole on which many of the 1,300 captured Americans went mad, was a well and comfortably equipped ship.

Survivors described the horribly jammed conditions in the holds of the vessel which ultimately was bombed and sunk by American planes.

Associated Press.

He Wants Two Ration Books

LONDON, NOV. 27. GUARDSMAN S.S. NIGHTINGALE, BELIEVED TO BE THE BIGGEST SOLDIER IN THE BRITISH ARMY, AND THE ONLY ONE TO DRAW DOUBLE RATIONS, IS GOING TO ASK FOR TWO RATION BOOKS WHEN HE IS DEMOBILIZED FROM THE GRENADIERS.

Nightingale, whose home is in Notting Hill, London, is 6ft. 8½in. high, and weighs 10½ stone. His shoes are size 15 and he takes 19½in. collars. He sleeps in a specially-built bed in Windsor Castle barracks.

"Double rations are a bit embarrassing," said Nightingale. "I get two of everything and I sit at table in the mess on my own. In peace time any guardman over six feet, one inch was allowed to draw double rations, but I believe I am the only soldier serving today with that distinction."

Towering above his fellow guardsmen on sentry duty at Windsor Castle, Nightingale is one of the "sights" pointed out to visitors.—Reuter.

Post Office Held Up Peace Proposal

WASHINGTON, NOV. 27. FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE AND AMBASSADOR JOSEPH C. GREGG TOLD THE PEARL HARBOR INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE YESTERDAY THAT THE JAPANESE POST OFFICE DELAYED 10 HOURS THE DELIVERY OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S LAST PEACE PROPOSAL TO EMPEROR HIROHITO.

HE SAID THE JAPANESE WAR LORDS ALSO KEPT SECRET FROM THE PEOPLE THE AMERICAN NOTE WHICH THEY DENOUNCED AS "AN ULTIMATUM."

The man who was Ambassador in Tokyo at the war's outbreak said he was listening to the San Francisco radio on December 7 when he heard Mr. Roosevelt had sent his message.

He inquired of the post office and, he said, "They had held it up throughout the day."

He said it had been received at noon. Decoding of the message took some time and it was after midnight before it was ready for delivery to the Japanese Foreign Office.

Mr. Gregg told the committee he had perceived the Japanese desire for conquest and "psychological preparations" as far back as 1930 and repeatedly had advised Washington.

A dispatch which Ambassador Gregg sent to the State Department on January 27, 1941, was read into the committee record. It advised:

"My Peruvian colleague told a member of my staff that he had heard from many sources, including Japanese sources, that the Japanese military forces planned in event of trouble with the United States, to attempt a mass surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, using all their military facilities."

Asked if he received later information, Gregg replied he had not. He explained that for the last year before the war started, Embassy people "were very largely cut off from our Japanese contacts."—Associated Press.

U.S. PROPOSAL. Gregg stated that the State Department in its efforts to maintain peace in 1941, offered the Japanese everything they ostensibly were fighting for. He emphasized "I don't say everything they were fighting for but everything they were ostensibly fighting for."

The U.S. had proposed to Japan that peace with China be achieved, mutual trade between Japan and the U.S. be restored to a normal commercial basis, the U.S. and Japan mutually to pledge that any activity in the Pacific be carried on by peaceful means, each to cooperate in obtaining such natural resources as oil, rubber, tin and nickel.—Associated Press.

Frankfurt, Nov. 27. Gen. Joseph McNarney arrived today to assume command of American occupation forces. He succeeded General Eisenhower.—Associated Press.

National Troops' Push On—Mukden

CHUNGKING, NOV. 27. A CHINESE REPORT ALLEGED THAT THE RUSSIANS HAD ORIGINALLY PRESENTED 26 DEMANDS TO CHINA BUT HAD LATER SCALED THEM DOWN TO 18. ALL DEMANDS CONCERNED MANCHURIA AND WERE DELIVERED TO THE NATIONALISTS BY MARSHAL MARNOVSKY, COMMANDER OF THE TRANSBAIKAL FRONT. THE NATURE OF THE DEMANDS, THE REPORT SAID, WAS SUCH AS TO PRECLUDE NATIONALIST ACCEPTANCE EXCEPT UNDUSS.

The Communists, meanwhile, have officially alleged that 100,000 Nationalists were mauled south of the Yellow River between Tungkuin and Chenchien ready for a massive drive northward. They said that hundreds of boats had been commandeered for the crossing of the river.

Among the latest alleged atrocities attributed to the Nationalists was the massacre of Communist sympathizers in central and southern Anhwei from which the Communists recently withdrew.

The Communists portrayed the inhabitants of these areas as "praying for the return of the 4th Army."

CHOU LEAVES. Nationalist press reports said that Chiang's forces had captured without resistance the railway city of Chinghsien, 100 miles inside Manchuria on Nov. 23.

A report said that the Nationalist forces are pressing on toward Mukden where the Communists are now said to be massing and preparing for a battle.

A group of 14 Communists left Chungking for Yenan today in a United States Army plane which arrived too late to take General Chou En-lai who flew to Yenan yesterday in a four-passenger machine provided by the Chinese Government.

To-day's group included four women and was accompanied by four foreign correspondents.

RUSSIA REPORT. Nationalist troops striking along the Peiping-Mukden railroad to-day.

SHOCKED THE PADRE

WASHINGTON, NOV. 27. REPRESENTATIVE COLE, REPUBLICAN OF NEW YORK, TODAY ASKED THE HOUSE NAVAL COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE A CHAPLAIN'S REPORT THAT THE UNITED STATES NAVY HAD OPENED A "HOUSE OF PROSTITUTION" IN JAPAN.

Cole quoted naval chaplain Lawrence L. Lacour as saying he had personal knowledge of such an establishment.

Cole said that while the regulations of sexual problems were difficult it was his view that the Navy policy to sponsor officially a house of assignment was neither in keeping with traditional practices nor with the American sense of moral standards.—Associated Press.

RUSSIANS FIRE ON U.S. BOMBER

SHANGHAI, NOV. 27. DAILY PATROLS OF AMERICAN PLANES OVER THE YELLOW SEA AS FAR AS PORT ARTHUR AND THE Kwantung Peninsula HAVE BEEN DISCONTINUED. VICE-ADMIRAL DANIEL BARBEY ANNOUNCED TODAY.

Authoritative but unofficial sources reported that an American navy patrol bomber was fired upon and chased away from Port Arthur on November 16, by a Russian "Stormovik" fighter plane but Barbey said that discontinuance of the flight was merely to cut American forces in China to permit planes to be used for other duties or to be returned to the United States.—Associated Press.

TO RUST ON THE BOTTOM

KURE, JAPAN, NOV. 27. APPROXIMATELY 100 JAPANESE MIDGET SUBMARINES ARE BEING BURIED BY THE AMERICAN AIR DIVISION AT THIS ONCE POWERFUL JAPANESE NAVAL BASE.

They are of the two-man type and were surrendered along with other craft to the occupation forces here. The subs now are being covered with hundreds of tons of waste material and scrap in the bottom of a giant drydock. To complete the job, the demolition teams plan to flood the drydock and rust the submarines.—Associated Press.

Hitler Sent Hess On British Flight

BERLIN, NOV. 27. WITH THE HELP OF DOCUMENTS DISCOVERED AMONG THE RUINS OF HITLER'S CHANCELLERY IN BERLIN THE FRENCH WAR CORRESPONDENT ANDRE GUERBER DECLARES THAT HE HAS PIECED TOGETHER THE INSIDE STORY OF THE DRAMATIC FLIGHT TO BRITAIN OF RUDOLPH HESS IN 1941.

OFFICIAL GERMAN DOCUMENTS, HE SAYS, DEFINITELY ESTABLISH THAT IT WAS HITLER HIMSELF WHO DECIDED TO SEND HESS TO BRITAIN.

They show that Hitler was confident that the Churchill Government would agree to Britain withdrawing from the war, giving Germany a free hand to attack Russia.

A month before Hess flew to Britain, says Guerber, Hitler sent him on a secret mission to Madrid, where through France and certain British agents he tried to make contact with the British Government.

During this mission he made up his mind that Britain was interested in negotiating a peace. He and Goering then met Hitler in conference at Berchtesgaden on May 4, 1941.

"CONVINCED." At most of their meetings the Nazi leaders had conversations recorded by either shorthand writer or dictaphone. A record of the meeting of May 4, which Guerber has seen, was withdrawn by Hitler's permanent secretary, Rolf Inliger.

Hess, according to Inliger's official account, informed Hitler that he was convinced that Britain was willing to talk peace.

Hitler is recorded as retorting: "I have reached the solemn decision to go to war with Russia before the autumn. I will give Britain a last chance of survival. I want the British to be told: 'Get out of the war. Clear out of Germany's war.'"

Hitler, according to the record, constantly exclaimed: "But for Britain and the British attitude the whole problem of Europe could have been settled."

Later the same day he again summoned Hess, who is recorded as making another lengthy statement on the British mentality as shown by intelligence reports relating to air bombings and living conditions.

The record of Rolf Inliger shows that Hess ended his speech with these words: "We must show the British we are sincere. If we do that the British people will rise up and compel Churchill to make peace."

Hitler then chose Hess to carry to Britain what is described in official records as "The Plan ABCD Number S 274K," a copy of which was found in the Reich Chancellery archives.

FOUR PARTS. The ABCD plan was so called because it was in four parts, as follows:

(a) To demonstrate to the British Government by means of documents that it was useless to continue the war following the collapse of France.

(b) To promise Britain that if she would withdraw from the war she would preserve her full independence and retain her colonial possessions but would have to undertake not to "meddle in any way" with internal or external affairs of any European countries.

(c) An offer to Britain of an alliance of 25 years with the Reich (this was a personal suggestion by Hess).

(d) A demand that Britain should not only withdraw from the war but should maintain an attitude of benevolent neutrality towards Germany during the German-Russian war.—Associated Press.

Mustangs Lost

SAN FRANCISCO, NOV. 27. The National Broadcasting Company in a broadcast from Shanghai said that at least nine American Mustangs lost their lives and at least 12 planes were lost in a flight of 21 Mustangs when they encountered bad weather during a routine flight to Shanghai from former U.S. bases in China.—Associated Press.

WANTED, SIX BRAVE MEN

LONDON, NOV. 27. SIX COURAGEOUS YOUNG MEN ARE NEEDED AT ONCE TO GO TO CHINA TO WORK FOR THE CHINESE INDUSTRIAL COOPERATIVES. ACCORDING TO AN ADVERTISEMENT NOW APPEARING IN THE LONDON PRESS.

They are to take the place of one who did the work of six—George Hogg, brilliant 31-year-old Oxford graduate who died recently of typhus at Sargan, in north-west China, 1,600 miles from Chungking and beyond the reach of medical aid.

If they are willing to take the same risk of disease and discomfort, eat only Chinese food, learn to talk the language like a Chinese, they should offer their services immediately to the Secretary, Anglo-Chinese Development Society, 34, Victoria Street, London, S.W.1.

Hogg, who worked with Rowi Alley, the inspiration of the Chinese Industrial Co-operative movement, was headmaster of the Sandan "Ballo" school which trains junior technicians. These schools are named after an American missionary, who introduced the system which is helping to produce a democratically industrialized China.

This remarkable young Englishman lived as a Chinese and shared the food of the boys in any place they could find to set up a school—it might be a cave, an old temple or a roadside depression roofed with canvas.

Recently he wrote a vivid book of his experiences, "See a New China." He could have achieved a lucrative career as a writer or business man. Instead he chose to risk his life for a cause which brought him only the bare necessities of subsistence. Anyone not prepared to take a similar risk need not apply, the advertisement concludes.

GET RICH QUICK JAP OFFICERS

TOKYO, NOV. 27. The news agency Kyodo reported today that Army and Navy officers in Tochin prefecture stole 10,000,000 yen worth of military supplies in the confusion accompanying the surrender.

Investigation is being made by both the authorities in the district and American occupation forces. One cache yielded 355 cases of supplies and field officers were included among the accused.—Associated Press.

Hirohito Says His Piece In Diet

(By Russell Brines).

TOKYO, NOV. 27. EMPEROR HIROHITO, IN THE TRADITIONALLY COLOURFUL READING OF THE IMPERIAL RESCRIPT, TODAY PLACED ELECTION REFORM AS THE NO. 1 FUNCTION OF THE CURRENT EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE DIET AND ASSURED SOME FORM OF REVISION OF THE CURRENT LAWS.

STANDING BEFORE THE IMPERIAL THRONE IN THE ORNATE HOUSE OF PEERS, THE EMPEROR READ THE BRIEF, FORMALIZED RESCRIPT IN FORMAL, HEAVY TONES, WHILE THE MEMBERS OF BOTH HOUSES BOWED DEEPLY.

The Emperor was flanked on one side by Princes and Imperial Household officials and on the other by Premier Shidehara and his Cabinet.

Specific mention of election reform in the Rescript insured action thereon and made it the principal Diet issue.

The Rescript content indicated that there would be no change apparently in the methods of appointment to the House of Peers despite considerable newspaper agitation therefor.

The Rescript also broadly solicited harmony in dealing with "other matters," which include the elimination of repressive laws and action upon such unprecedented government legislation as expropriation of estates and establishment of a labour union law.

IN NEW CLOTHES. Hirohito wore the new official non-military uniform as, solemn faced, he entered the hushed Chamber and walked stiffly to his position fronting the Throne on a dais above the platform utilized by the President of the Peers.

The Emperor made his formal entry at precisely 10.59 a.m. after other assembled participants waited 10 minutes for him.

The Emperor's elder brother, Prince Chichibu, was absent. He was said to be ill. The senior Prince of the Blood was Takamatsu, appearing in a navy uniform and ribbons.

The principal business immediately facing both Chambers is formulation of an official answer to the Rescript. It was raining steadily as the Emperor made his trip to the Diet Chambers.—Associated Press.

Washington, Nov. 27. The Senate confirmed today without a dissenting vote the nominations of Gen. Dwight Eisenhower and Admiral Chester Nimitz as Army Chief of Staff and Chief of Naval operations, respectively.—Associated Press.

NOTICE

We hereby announce that Mr. X. K. Kan (簡悅強) will join our firm as a partner on the 1st December, 1945.

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All local brethren as well as visiting brethren who have registered are requested to attend a masonic meeting on Monday, 3rd December at 5 for 5.30 p.m.

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Dated the 27th day of November, 1945.

P. C. WOO.

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NOTICE FOR GENERAL INFORMATION

No new applications for repatriation will be entertained after the 7th December, 1945.

Persons who were interned should before that date ensure that their intended destinations have been recorded at the Repatriation Office and, except in the case of those engaged in essential services, that the Repatriation Office has been informed of the earliest date on which they can leave.

REPATRIATION OFFICE

27th November, 1945.

REPATRIATION NOTICE

No. 40

S.S. "LOTHIAN" is expected to sail for SHANGHAI and SINGAPORE on FRIDAY 30th November.

The undermentioned persons should stand by and look for Press notifications as to place and time of embarkation.

FOR SHANGHAI

H. K. V. D. C.

FOR SINGAPORE

Mr. Choo Seng Quee.
Mr. Peh Kim Faw.
Mrs. Ng Keng Fung.
Miss Tse Ling.
Miss E. L. L. Phok.
Mr. C. A. Tan & family.
Mr. Wong Cheung Hon.
Mr. Lian Chee Tut.
Mrs. B. Y. Yap and child.
Mr. Tan Hee Wong & family.
Mr. Tan Leong Chin.
Miss Woo Peh Yee.
Mr. Chiu Tin Shan.
Mr. Lian Teck Khoo.
Mr. Loh Yoke Fu.
Mr. Koh Hor Khoo.

H. K. V. D. C.

Pet. Chan Kwong Fook.
Lee Wee Soon.
Lau Ming.
Lin Sin Lam & family.

The above does NOT include passengers listed by RAPWI.

REPATRIATION OFFICE

27th November, 1945.

REPATRIATION NOTICE

No. 41

H. M. S. "PIONEER"

1. Hongkong passengers will assemble at Queen's Pier at 2.00 p.m. THURSDAY, 29th November.

2. Kowloon passengers will assemble at Naval Landing Base (between Star Ferry and Kowloon Godown Wharves) at 2.30 p.m. to await Embarking Officer.

3. Passengers must NOT board the vessel without first obtaining their Embarking Cards, which will be issued at assembly points.

4. Passengers will be as listed hereunder:

Messrs. W. E. Atcock,
G. J. M. Lander,
Lee Ping Chew and
William Chen See.

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JAVA PROBLEM

A situation of great complexity still exists in Java, in which the British find themselves playing an unenviable role as they played in Greece. To understand it in broad outline a brief historical retrospect is necessary.

Before the war there was a nationalist movement in the East Indies as in other regions of Asia ruled by the Western Powers. After the Japanese invasion it soon became clear that while they planned to give the Philippines and Burma nominal independence and make them into client dependencies on the Manchukuo model, they proposed to administer Malaya and the East Indies in much the same way that the British and Dutch had always administered them. Indonesian nationalist leaders took offence at the Japanese in various Japanese sponsored organisations. They asked for independence.

Two leading figures, Dr. Soekarno and Dr. Mohammad Hatta, went to Japan at the end of 1943 to press their demands, but they were always told that sympathetic as Japan was to their aspirations, the war must come first and the Indonesians' independence must wait until the latter part of 1944 that Japan made a formal promise of independence.

The period of the Japanese occupation saw a great growth in the strength of the national movement in the East Indies, as elsewhere in the East. Japan's war-cry of "Asia for the Asians" and "Out with the white man" and her intensive and subtle propaganda against Western Imperialism were not without effect. Indonesians were appointed to many posts previously held by Europeans and Eurasians. There were national Indonesian organisations, sponsored and indeed controlled by the Japanese, which fostered the spirit of nationalism. When the Japanese saw they were to lose the war, certain sections, especially the services, gave every encouragement to the independence movement. Into the past three and a half years of Japanese occupation and the last four months' interregnum have been telescoped perhaps 50 years of peace-time development.

If it had been possible, immediately upon Japan's surrender to send two army divisions to Java, the Allies would not have been confronted, as they are to-day, with a fait accompli. The shortage of shipping prevented the landing of troops in Java until six weeks after, when 1,000 Scottish troops arrived to demonstrate the power of the West in a country with a population larger than that of the British Isles. The Indonesian nationalist leaders were quick to perceive that they had the opportunity of a lifetime. They went to work quickly, and by the time the first troops were ashore, they had gathered nearly all the reins of power into their hands, and with every day that passes they entrench themselves more strongly.

"HAI CHU" FUND

Subscriptions in aid of the relatives of victims of the "Hai Chu" continue to be made in Hong Kong.

Latest participants in the campaign to raise funds are the vegetable hawkers in the Central District.

Strung across the entrance of the Central Market is a white banner on which are inscriptions in Chinese and English. The English version reads: "27th November, 1945. Central Market vegetable subscription sale. In memory of the Chinese soldiers and passengers sunk on S.S. Hai Chu."

The entire proceeds during the two days will be donated to the relief fund.

STILL UNSAFE

In view of the mishap to the "Kwong Sai" on her first voyage to Macao, and following so soon on the tragedy of the "Hai Chu", it is felt in shipping circles that until the Naval Authorities have given an assurance that all mines have been swept, it will be unwise to operate river steamers on either the Canton or Macao run.

SPITFIRE SQUADRON ON ANTI-PIRACY PATROL

CHINESE JUNK AND BOATOWNERS WHOSE VERY LIVELIHOOD DEPENDS ON THE ISLAND-STUDDED COAST NEAR HONG KONG AND CANTON BEING FREE FROM PIRACY NOW HAVE FOR THEIR PROTECTION A SPITFIRE SQUADRON WITH A DISTINGUISHED HISTORY ON THE EUROPEAN FRONT. THIS IS THE BOMBAY (132) SQUADRON, EQUIPPED WITH SPITFIRE XIV'S HEAVILY ARMED AND CAPABLE OF CARRYING 1,000 LBS. OF BOMBS.

The commanding officer is Squadron-leader K. L. Charney, D.F.C. and Bar, whose home is at Hurlingham, Buenos Aires.

In Europe the squadron specialised in low-level bombing and strafing attacks such as would make short work of any pirate junk or hide-out. It was Spitfires and rocket Typhoons of the 2nd Tactical Air Force, operating over the historic Falaise Gap, that smashed up the enormous German mechanised columns and started the enemy's rout through France. The Bombay Squadron's share of the total was 261 enemy vehicles destroyed.

25 SORTIES

Looking for pirates along the South China coast has by comparison been a quiet, uneventful assignment, although in one day in October the squadron made 25 sorties, and in one period of four days tallied 111 1/2 hours of patrolling. Work starts at 6 a.m. and goes on until dusk.

"On these anti-piracy patrols," said S. L. Charney, "our job is to be on the lookout for any suspicious movements by junks or other craft and to report it back to base by radio telephone."

"With so many islands along the coast it's sometimes like looking for a needle in a haystack. It entails very low flying round the islands and water."

READERS' LETTERS

Fair Plan

Sir, It would appear that the indignant correspondents in today's issue of "The Hong Kong Sunday Herald" are labouring in their heated replies to "Brown Knees" under considerable misapprehension.

In the first instance, judging from the general tone of their protests, one would imagine that they are the only people in Hong Kong (and for that matter in all the Far East) fitted for the job of reconstruction at home.

Apparently there are no skilled building and reconstruction workers amongst the armed forces of the Far East other than those members of the hard-done-by and sadly disillusioned members of our local "Tiger" reconstruction unit.

Their "tiger" reconstruction unit, original report on their protest that "all those willing to take part in the tremendous job of reconstruction should be given an opportunity of doing so." Surely, don't we all?

Your correspondent, L. A. C. Gosling may be reassured that we have not been "cheered" by the British Colony, from which we in Britain derive great benefit. The reconstruction of Hong Kong, and in particular the construction of the Pinshan airfield is as important to Britain, if she is to enjoy post-war trade prosperity, and complete effectively in the race for world air transport supremacy, as the reconstruction task at home.

Therefore, while they are here awaiting Demobilisation, the reconstruction unit is by no means wasting its time on the Pinshan project. The practical policy of the Government appears at present to be the selection of its units near home of personnel for Class "B" release, thereby enabling the maximum amount of shipping to be available for Class "A" releases of the Far East and for tour-expired repatriates. This plan is surely the only fair and practical one.

The majority of the letters are obviously written in all sincerity and seem to disclaim any suggestion that they are not "all out" in their support of the Government. Yet I would suggest that the despatching of hasty and irresponsible cables to the Prime Minister, at what will probably turn out to be one of the most difficult periods of his office, provides a weak example of "support" rather than it is a downright abuse of democratic privilege and responsibility.

"Brown Knees" document is no more mischievous than the thoughtless protest of these people. In fact it is a great deal more understandable, after his lengthy exile, contrasted with the fear of the "Tiger" that they might become the "Forgotten Air Force" after a more month or so in the East.

Arbitrator

Sir, In reply to the answers to "Brown Knees" I would like to voice my opinion on this subject between the arguments of the Ex-Burma boys and these so-called "Tiger boys."

I am in the Navy myself, and I think I should be a good arbitrator on this matter. First of all, I will say that I do not agree with Servicemen making airstrips for the use of civilians. On the contrary, it is very unfair to employ a Serviceman who gets a paltry sum of money for doing this work. They have been away from home for roughly 4 months, who have most of the Burma boys have been away for 2-4 years. Very few of them getting home leave during that time! Whilst some of the "Tiger" crowd served with the B.L.A., they managed to get leave every 6-8 months. They boast of going to Okinawa to make some airstrips, but the Americans captured them and there was no fighting for them to do, had they landed there! On the other hand, what about these Burma boys? They have been in actual fighting against the Japs, as well as the intense heat and disease of the tropical jungles. I have been to India and Burma myself, and I am speaking from my own experiences.

The Tiger boys don't know how lucky they are, ending up in Hong Kong, as it is by far one of the best places to be stationed out East. The "Tiger" claim that they are a "Forgotten Air Force," but how can they be forgotten? There are plenty of cinemas, dance-halls, restaurants, and plenty of bags and beer, whereas the Burma boys had next to nothing, except an issue of 50 bags a week, which were of inferior brand, and a few mildewy socks and "V" cigarettes. They were not intended to go to Hong Kong either, but were due for the invasion of Malaya, Sumatra, etc., but they don't boast about it, as they didn't go there!

I take my hat off to those who have been fighting in the worst possible conditions that exist, and as for these "Tiger" boys, I think they are making a laughing stock out of themselves. If anyone deserved to go home, it's the Burma and Indian boys. PETTY OFFICER H. MILLER.

FOR THE FEW

Sir, If the statements of "Brown Knees" had been made in the barracks room, he would soon have been told where to get off. For his information, may I state that many of the men who protest against building a peace-time airport quickly and cheaply have soon served in many theatres of war.

New Flag Command

AS A RESULT OF THE DECISION TO ESTABLISH THE BRITISH PACIFIC FLEET BASES AT SINGAPORE AND HONG KONG, A NEW FLAG COMMAND HAS BEEN CREATED IN THE PACIFIC.

Vice-Admiral J. S. Rivett-Carnie, C.B.E., D.S.C., has been appointed Flag Officer, Southern Area and will be responsible for the operations of all ships of the British Pacific Fleet and attached auxiliaries south of the equator and eastward of the East Indies Station. His headquarters will be at Sydney. Previously he was Vice-Admiral (Q) at Melbourne and he will in addition continue to administer these duties.

Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser, Commander-in-Chief of the British Pacific Fleet, will open his headquarters at Hong Kong on Dec. 26. He will wear his flag in H.M.S. "Duke of York," the battleship in which he attended the signing of the surrender in Tokyo Bay and which visited Hong Kong for the surrender of the Colony.

Two revolvers, a Mauser pistol and a dagger were found in a large cavity under the floor of the house of Mr. Ling, widow, in Humphreys Avenue. The accused denied any knowledge of the presence of the arms. Mr. Nigel, who wanted to see the premises himself first, remanded the case for 24 hours.

The campaign, France, Belgium, Holland and finally Germany before being drafted East.

There are many of us who have only just left home after taking part in such trifling incidents as the Battle of Britain, blitzes, flying bombs, rockets etc. and naturally desire to return home to build the home that Britain so badly needs. They have no wish to embarrass the Government which they helped to elect, but as true Socialists want to take no part in the building of an airport which will be used for the advantage of the few. Let the available Chinese skilled labour be used to supply better homes and sanitation in Hong Kong, before they build an airfield, and let us return to build a better Britain, so that our sons will not have to do what so many of us who complain have done: travel in luxury with "Monty" from El Alamein to Italy.

JOE.

THE PRIVILEGED FEW

Sir, The question of N.A.A.F.I. rations for civilians is causing, to put it mildly, a fair amount of criticism among members of the forces who witness the drawing of these rations each period.

Who is the authority that decides on a fit person to draw these rations, what are the qualifications to be amongst these few or is it many?

We can quite understand ex-internees, ex-P.O.W.s, and personnel sent here for the rehabilitation of the Colony, but what about these others who are merely carrying out a normal job with, no doubt, better pay than peace-time, how do they get the coveted ration card?

The point that really hurts is that rankers working on the same job as some of these civilians are not allowed by King's Regulations to purchase spirits from N.A.A.F.I., and yet they have to watch someone drawing two or three times larger salaries buying goods at privileged prices from their own organisation.

Let us hope that the services store opening soon will not be plagued by these hangers on.

I might add that, my rank entitles me to a spirit ration, but I am joined in this protest by others that are not so fortunate. I would again emphasise that these remarks are not directed against the ex-internees, etc. who, we feel, are fully entitled to the privilege.

SERVICE CIVVYS.

Those P.W.'s

Sir, Your correspondents indignant letters have raised an interesting, and doubtless controversial point in the treatment of Japanese P.W.'s in the Colony. As an ex-P.W. for nearly four years in Japan, I can vouch for the fact that the treatment of Allied prisoners often was unworthy of a so-called civilised nation, to say the least of it. Which is, I think, the main argument for treating the Japanese now that the tables have been turned in a manner consonant with the standards of a civilised community. There is no point in lowering ourselves to the level of our former captors. I might also add that all Japs who committed any form of atrocity in P.W. camps are now under arrest and so richly deserve, and that they deserve Jap P.W.'s, has not been guilty of any maltreatment of Allied prisoners. On the contrary I always found the Japs "squad" as likeable, even when they were always at risk of severe punishment to himself if caught.

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A Hint

Pearl Harbour, Nov. 27. Under-Secretary of the Navy Artemus Gates said today he would make specific recommendations in Washington, which may affect the American policy in China. He said he did not wish to discuss policy matters until his return to Washington. Gates has returned from a tour of China.—Associated Press.

270 CAPSTAN TINS

Ma Yim, unemployed, was charged before Lt. F. G. Nigel yesterday at Kowloon with unlawful possession of 270 tins of Capstan cigarettes belonging to the N.A.A.F.I. Godowns, Kowloon. Sgt. J. W. Parker, R.A.S.C., in charge of the gpdwn, testified that he discovered a big hole in the roof of the building and found that ten cases of cigarettes were missing; the hole was not there the previous day. Accused was sentenced to three months hard labour.

R.A.F. SAVE DOZENS OF CHINESE CHILDREN

R.A.F. DOCTORS AND MEN BELONGING MAINLY TO 5024 AIRFIELD CONSTRUCTION SQUADRON STATIONED AT KOWLOON AND PING SHAN HAVE BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN SAVING THE LIVES OF DOZENS OF HONG KONG AND KOWLOON CHILDREN NOW IN THE KING'S PARK ORPHANAGE, KOWLOON.

IN A FEW WEEKS THEY HAVE RAISED APPROXIMATELY \$2,000 TO HELP KEEP THE ORPHANAGE GOING, AND THE SQUADRON CONCERT PARTY PLANS A SERIES OF CONCERTS AND A PANTOMIME IN AN EFFORT TO FIND MORE MONEY TO MAINTAIN THE PATHETIC LITTLE INMATES OF THE ORPHANAGE.

During the Japanese regime local residents made tremendous sacrifices in order to give surreptitious help to the orphanage, but so far as the R.A.F. have been able to ascertain about 100 children died from starvation and disease.

Warrant Officer Herbert Kemp, of 12, Glebe Road, Uxbridge, is amongst the R.A.F. personnel who have devoted all their spare time to restoring the orphanage to something like normal.

"We were here soon after the Japanese capitulation," he said, "and we picked up about a score of children lying on the pavements and in the gutters, slowly dying from starvation. Some had lost their parents during the Japanese occupation. Some had been abandoned—especially girls—to fend for themselves. Their ages vary from two to 13."

BACK BROKEN

"We managed to get food and clothing from the Red Cross for them, and the R.A.F. Hospital provided medicines urgently needed for the worst cases. We raised as much as \$400 with one of our concerts. One man gave \$11 he had earned playing in a dance band. Another gave \$10 the stake he had won in a friendly wager.

"During 22 years in the

R.A.F. I've been organist at a number of stations, and I've now got a choir going amongst the children, who are learning to sing in English as well as Cantonese. With Sgt. Harvey Heaton, a Halifax (Yorks) lay preacher, we've started a Sunday School."

Warrant Officer L. R. Vinatcombe, of 115, Cheddon Road, Taunton, Somerset, is another R.A.F. man who devotes most of his time-off to raising funds for the orphanage children, six of whom are patients in the Kowloon R.A.F. Hospital where he is stationed.

"One of them," he said, "had been badly beaten up by the Japs. Another had his back broken and was left lying in the road by the driver of a Japanese vehicle who ran over him. He can't walk yet, but we hope to cure him completely. All the children have been given toys—a doll for each girl, a model glider for each boy."

One of the doctors from the R.A.F. Hospital said that all the children were suffering from malaria and on the point of starvation when the R.A.F. adopted the orphanage and began to rescue the children from the streets. Some are cripples whom it is hoped to cure immediately by manipulation or later by operation.

Three Eggs For A Seaplane Ride

(From A Correspondent.)

WE STOOD ON THE BEACH AT PENG CHAUNG ISLAND YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, AMID A CLAMOUR OF CHILDREN. THEY WHEELED CIGARETTES AND TEN CENT NOTES OUT OF MAJOR JOCK RUSHFORTH, M.C. (NORMANDY), THREE DAYS AFTER D-DAY, AND LIEUT. COMMANDER A. POLLOCK, R.N.V.R., HONG KONG PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER.

BUT ONE OF THE BOYS, AGED ABOUT TEN, HAD SOMETHING ELSE ON HIS MIND. HIS MANNER WAS EAGER AND URGENT. AT LAST, DESPAIRING OF SPEECH, HE PRODUCED MIMICRY—AND TWO EGGS. WITH STREAMLINED FINGERS HE SKATED HIS HAND THROUGH THE AIR IN A SHARP UPWARD MOVEMENT, AT THE SAME TIME PURSUING HIS MOUTH FOR A SWISHING NOISE.

"Oh, so that's the trouble," said the Major—"he's offering us two eggs for a ride."

The boy's eyes lit up and he indicated a Fleet Air Arm seaplane where he rode at anchor in a bay of the island.

Major Rushforth shook his head. "They might think we were kidnapping him."

But the boy could see the man was hesitating. Like a conjuror he produced a third egg from his pocket and began to bargain.

UNOFFICIAL AMBASSADORS No doubt he couldn't understand why the third egg failed to tip the balance, since in his view the British officer was tempted when only two were in the scale. But they parted friends. There was

enough of a boy in the man and much manliness in the boy to set up an understanding that transcended disappointment and language difficulties.

An object lesson in international relationships.

In this way these Commandos are ambassadors. Major Rushforth, second in command to Lieut.-Colonel P. W. C. Hollings of 42 Commando (Royal Marines) was making routine calls at islands in the Tolo Channel, largely to see where medicines and treatment are needed for the Chinese population. Where he went, he seemed to make friends. The children crowded trustfully about him.

At Peng Chaung Island he suggested to the small British garrison there that they should sometimes go out to sea at night with the local fishermen. "Make friends," he said.

JEERS OF THE AIR

At Grass Island he arranged for a Navy motor launch to call to-day (Tuesday) with drugs and bandages and a medical orderly for the treatment of the one or two people who had small ailments.

The Royal Navy, Fleet Air Arm and Royal Marines co-operate in this peace-time work, as they did in war. Yesterday's trip was made in a Sea Otter belonging to the Fleet Air Arm. Those flying boats are invaluable transport for servicing the many British islands in the Hong Kong area. They are the jeers of the air.

"Flying Dragon" said the name in Chinese characters on the nose of this one. It takes a jump two days to sail from Hong Kong to Grass Island; even a Navy M.P. takes an hour and a half. But Flying Dragon trundled down the slipway at the end of Kai Tak airfield, plopped into the sea, puffed over the mountains and was there in a quarter of an hour.

LESLIE E. BIGG (CAPT.)

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONG KONG.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION BRANCH

NOTICE

Medical Facilities

Civil Affairs Personnel, Essential Services Workers and dependents of Volunteers may obtain medical advice and treatment as follows:

Medical Clinics

Gloucester Hotel, First Floor, Tel: 25633

Fire Brigade Building, Ground Floor, Tel: 32953

Peninsula Hotel, First Floor, Tel: 58081 Ext. 39

Kowloon Hospital-Out Patient Clinic

Queen Mary Hospital-Out Patient Clinic

The hours of attendance are:

09.00 12.00

14.00 16.30

Special Consultations

Eye Consultations are held by Dr. T. P. Lee at Queen's Road, Out Patient Dept. on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 09.00-12.00 hours or at Kowloon Hospital on Mon., Wed. and Fri. from 09.00-12.00 hours

Dental Service can be obtained at Gloucester Bldg., Room 416 Tel: 20785
King's Building, First Floor, Tel: 31567

Hours of consultations are:

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14.00 16.30

Surgical, Medical, Gynaecological, Ear, Nose, and Throat etc. consultations can be arranged at the Queen Mary Hospital and Kowloon Hospitals by individual appointment through the Medical Officer at the Clinics or directly through the Medical Officer-in-charge of the Hospital concerned.

Hospital Facilities

Full hospital facilities for the treatment of emergency and other conditions have been established at

(a) Queen Mary Hospital
MO i/c Dr. Griffith Tel. 34144

(b) Kowloon Hospital
MO i/c Lt. Col. Wilkinson
Tel. 59836

(c) Nethersole Hospital
MO i/c Dr. R. M. Alderton
Tel. 27787

(d) Emergency and Night Calls

In cases of emergency the Medical Officer on duty can be reached by telephone outside ordinary hours as follows

Hong Kong: Gloucester Hotel, 8th Floor, Tel: 28141
Ask for doctor on call (Capt. Lee or Capt. Abraham)

Kowloon: Peninsula Hotel, Room 514, Tel: 58081 (Dr. H. C. Ho)

Essential Services personnel whose firms have medical officers are expected to contact their own officer in case of emergency.

Ambulances

With the present scarcity of transport arrangements for an ambulance should be made through a Medical Officer.

In case of emergency ambulances are available as follows:

Hong Kong-Naval Dockyard
Tel: 30361
Ext. 45, 08.00-16.00 hrs.
Ext. 118, 16.00-08.00

Kowloon-R.A.F. Tel: 58813
or R. N. Tel: 50077

Civil Affairs Officers should make appointments by telephone for Clinic and Special Consultations to avoid unnecessary waste of time.

C. B. H. DELAMAIN,
Colonel,
D. C. C. A. O. (MIL)

Shy Englishwoman Who Fought In Jungle

KUALA LUMPUR, NOV. 27.—AN ENGLISHWOMAN WHO HAS SPENT THREE YEARS FIGHTING THE JAPS IN THE MALAYAN JUNGLES WITH THE BRITISH AND CHINESE GUERRILLA FORCES IS HIDING IN A MOUNTAIN VILLAGE BECAUSE SHE IS TOO SHY TO COME BACK TO CIVILISED LIFE.

SHE IS MISS BAKER, 32-YEAR-OLD SISTER OF A PENANG PLANTER WHO DIED WHILE WITH HER IN THE JUNGLE. AND SHE IS NOW WITH THE FAMOUS FORCE 136, THE MALAYAN GUERRILLA ARMY COMMANDED BY COLONEL FREDDIE CHAPMAN.

When the Japs came in 1942 Miss Baker, her brother, and two other men went into hiding in a native village. The men have all died or been killed by the Japs.

When British agents started operating behind the Jap lines in the mountains of Malaya they contacted Miss Baker, who was running a hospital in the jungle for the Chinese guerrillas.

TO GET CLOTHES After the surrender an officer of Force 136 made a special journey through miles of mountainous jungle to the French camp where at Kuala Lumpur to get some clothes for Miss Baker, who had only tattered Chinese clothes and a khaki guerrilla uniform.

The Mother Superior at the convent told me: "The officer came at 10 o'clock and said he must have some clothes for this brave woman."

"It was difficult because we had no stocks of cloth and we did not know her size."

"I had to ask the officer, 'What about the size?' and he said, 'One of my sister found some English cotton material and we made two dresses and some underclothes in the four hours.'"

The officer who collected the clothes, brought for the nurse, had made for Miss Baker an enormous pair of "blooms" with very long legs.

An army of about 300 hand Chinese, armed and officered by Jap soldiers who have gone into hiding, is operating in the mountains, which are called "The Mountains of the Mountains."

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New Films

Hong Kong cinema fans are to be treated to new films "red hot" from Hollywood before Christmas.

This information was obtained yesterday from Mr. T. J. Ong, manager of M.G.M. and Mr. L. J. Benuch, representative of 20th Century-Fox.

Mr. Ong said that a batch of M.G.M. war newsreels is coming out by the name "Pres. Grant" and that telegraphic advice has been received that the following films are on the way out: "Babe in the Woods," "Rio Rita" (in new production with a new cast), "Tarzan's Secret Treasure," "Mrs. Miniver," "Somewhere I'll Find You," and "Come Home" in technicolor.

Mr. Benuch said he hoped in a week or two to be able to announce the release of ten new 20th Century Fox films brought out to the Far East since the termination of the war.

It is understood that some Cantonese films, made in Hollywood during the war, are also on the way out.

ADMIRAL'S TOUR

Visiting Hong Kong for a few days, Vice-Admiral Sir Cecil Talbot, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., His Majesty's Director of Dockyard, has made a complete tour of the Hong Kong Royal Naval Dockyard.

Work of rehabilitation was explained to him by Captain H. E. Wright, Captain Superintendent of the Dockyard.

During his tour he saw the first warship that has gone into dry dock since the occupation, H.M.S. Apollo, a cruiser.

Vice-Admiral Talbot, who is accompanied by Captain (E) H. J. B. Grylls, Royal Navy, is staying at Government House.

CATHOLIC CENTRE

The first of a series of informal Weekly Talks will be given at the Hong Kong Catholic Centre at 6.30 p.m. to-day, when Father T. E. Ryan, S.J. will speak on "The Story of Hong Kong."

These talks will be mainly on subjects of interest to service men visiting Hong Kong, but it is hoped that many local civilians will also be present to meet the service men.

The talks will be held every Wednesday evening at the gate hour, 6.30 p.m. in the library of the Catholic Centre, King's Building, first floor. Questions and discussion will be welcomed. Tea and sandwiches may be obtained.

London, Nov. 27.—Doctor Eduardo Zuloaga, the Colombian Ambassador to Peru has been unanimously elected Chairman of the United Nations Preparatory Commission. The

new Chairman will guide a delegation of 47 nations through the task of preparing for the first world assembly in January.

MEMORIAL HALL

The Provincial Government of Kwangtung is to build a Memorial Hall to commemorate Victory.

The Hall is to contain a museum to house trophies taken from the Japanese and copies of publications issued during the war that testified to the public of the Province the spirit of resistance against the enemy.

The Government of Kwangtung has also adopted another novel idea for rehabilitation, according to latest reports from the Provincial Capital.

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Shower Baths In New Luxury Air Liner

LONDON, NOV. 27.—BRITAIN'S BIGGEST LANDPLANE, THE BRISTOL TYPE 145, WHICH HAS BEEN NAMED THE BRABAZON 1, SETS AN ALTOGETHER NEW STANDARD IN DESIGN, EQUIPMENT, COMFORT, AND AMENITIES.

THE MACHINE HAS A WING OF 230 FT., IS 177 FT. IN LENGTH, AND IS 52 FT. IN HEIGHT, MEASURED TO THE TIP OF THE SINGLE FIN. THE ALL-UP WEIGHT IS 250,000 LBS. OVER 110 TONS. DISPOSABLE LOAD IS 117,400 LBS.

The whole of the interior is pressurized so as to maintain the atmospheric conditions encountered at 8,000 ft. though the machine's operational height will be over 20,000 ft.

Internal layout is more like that of a passenger ship than an airplane. Above the wing roots is a spacious dining room, at one end of which is a cocktail bar, with a lounge at the side. Beneath the dining room is a big galley for providing hot meals.

The dining room can be converted into a cinema. Extending fore and aft from the dining room, but on a slightly lower level, are bunks, cabins, and toilets. Each compartment can be fitted for two, four, or six bunks, all of which can easily be converted into armchairs. The toilets are complete with shower baths.

With six-berth cabins there is sleeping accommodation for 80 people. When sleeping accommodation is not necessary, as many as 224 people can be carried.

A PROBLEM A problem in building such a huge and heavy aircraft was to provide undercarriages which would enable the machine to alight without jolting. This has been solved by Mr. L. G. Friss, the Bristol Aeroplane Company's chief aircraft engineer, by fixing a tricycle landing gear, which has three wheels built in three pairs of two on the main structure, with two wheels on the nose structure. One pair of the main wheels is under each of the outboard engines.

An elaborate warning system in the chief engineer's cabin discloses immediately any outbreak of fire, and enables automatic extinguishers to be brought to bear merely by pressing a button. If the fire is in an engine, it can be isolated in a second or two, and an extinguisher plays on the affected area.

The Brabazon has eight Bristol Centaurus air-cooled, sleeve-valve engines, each developing 2,500 h.p. These are totally enclosed in the wings. Some engines can be reversed on landing to act as brakes.

The Brabazon has a cruising speed of 250 m.p.h. and a still-air range of 5,000 miles.—London Press Service.

Gang Caught

"Houses in Felix Villas had practically been torn down, and most of the residences in the Peak area, such as the Mathilda Hospital and the War Memorial Hospital were completely looted by this kind of gang," said Sub-Inspector F. N. P. Police Station when five Chinese were charged at the Summary Military Court before Mr. C. Y. Kwan yesterday.

The men, Chan Yam, Cheng Yau, Chan Kam, Tong Kim and Chan Fung, were alleged to have each stolen water meters from houses No. 1, 3, 5, 6 and 7 in Felix Villas.

It was stated that at about 11.30 a.m. on Monday, Driver Hayward was driving a lorry in Jubilee Road, when he saw four of the men trying to climb over a fence. Last accused had eight pieces of water piping. He stopped them and took them back to No. 7 Police Station. On enquiries, they admitted they had stolen the meters from lavatories in houses in Felix Villas.

Sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed on each accused.

These were all heard in different High Courts, and in two of them appeals have been allowed, which in the normal course would go to the Federal

Court for a final decision. It was to remedy that state of affairs that this Bill was introduced.

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Traitor

Amsterdam, Nov. 27. Anton Mussert, the plump Dutch Nazi leader goes on trial to-morrow before a special tribunal at the Hague on charges of being a traitor to the Netherlands. The prosecutor will prefer seven charges against Mussert including one that he took an oath of allegiance "until death" to Hitler.

The prosecutor is expected to ask for the death sentence. —Associated Press.

Ensa Keeps It Up

Ensa, again kept up with its well-earned fame last night at the opening of the "non-stop" variety show, "Keep Moving".

Pat Gaye, manager and producer, who has been out East entertaining the services for five years, practically ran the whole show and deserves every praise: he kept the crowd roaring from beginning to end. Pat acted very much like Charles Chaplin but could tap-dance like Fred Astaire.

Rita Marica made a hit with her dancing in the role of a Spanish Senorita. Pretty Sybil Sherwood knocked the crowd out when she danced with the accordion. And she could sing too!

At the piano was Frank Trewhitt who played nearly everything which is popular. Romy George, star imitator, could make you believe that it was Winston Churchill or John Harrymore speaking.

The 5-men team, who did an extremely good job, will perform twice daily for a week.

ENGAGEMENT The engagement is announced between Miss Laura Marques, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Marques, of Macao, and Mr. Ramsay Michael Buckle, son of Mrs. A. M. Buckle and the late Mr. Buckle of Hong Kong.

Unemployment Spectre In Shanghai

SHANGHAI NOV. 26. UNEMPLOYMENT WILL CONSTITUTE A VITAL QUESTION FACING 5,000,000 SHANGHAISEN. IN THE WAKE OF THE TRANSITION FROM WAR TO PEACE TIME, COMPETENT QUARTERS DECLARED.

DURING THE PAST FOUR YEARS WITH THE JAPANESE AND PUPPET AUTHORITIES HOLDING SWAY IN SHANGHAI, NUMEROUS PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS, BUSINESS FIRMS AND BANKS HAVE SPRUNG INTO EXISTENCE. "SWALLOWING UP HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF BREAD EARNERS," THESE QUARTERS RECALLED.

Immediately after the Japanese capitulation these institutions as well as hundreds of speculative firms and banks have one after another met their last day and wound up business, leaving hundreds of thousands of their employees jobless.

In the course of the past two weeks was recalled, more than 300 banks have suspended business and this brings about a large number of the unemployed.

In the case of bogus government organs, these quarters added, after batch of officials have been compelled to resign, which constitutes a mainstay of the "jobless" camp.

Chinese employees of Japanese-owned business enterprises will also be grouped among the unemployed whose rank and file has been swollen day by day.

However, these quarters pointed out, certain official organs and business firms paid their employees off with a large amount of money. The most illuminating example was found in the C.R.B. Bank, where every paid-off employee of junior rank got well

over ten or twenty millions of puppet notes.

BELOW THE MARGIN A great many private banks followed suit, although the amount of money with which they had paid off their employees were far below that margin.

Former employees of the municipal government under bogus regime had also received a moderate "paid-off" allowance when they were compelled to leave their posts.

In the Chinese Maritime Customs service, however, more than 600 employees were deprived of jobs immediately after the taking-over. However, not a single cent was paid to the employees, thus marking a sole exception from all its sister institutions.

While the lack of all these unemployed masses are still shrouded in obscurity, these quarters urged that government authorities take adequate steps by launching a thorough probe into the widely different arrangements with which they disposed with the services of their employees, "where considerable irregularities," these quarters concluded.

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Step Further

Washington, Nov. 27. Expressing fear that the United Nations Organization may not be able to prevent an atomic war, three Senators proposed to-day that the United States go a step further and join a world government. The proposal was made by Senators Hail, Minnesota Republican; Fulbright, Arkansas Democrat; and Taylor, Idaho Democrat. Associated Press.

Key Point In The Case

Melbourne, Nov. 27. It was indicated to-day that the key point to be determined in the public inquiry into the escape of Lieut. General Gordon Bennett from Singapore in February, 1942, is whether he actually was a war prisoner.

The assistant commissioner of justice stressed that the time element involved was in Bennett's departure and said there was much evidence that Bennett was never a war prisoner. He also asserted that Bennett deliberately concealed his escape plans from his senior officers. Bennett's attorney asserted that once Lieut. General Sir Arthur Percival, Allied Commander in Chief, Malaya, surrendered unconditionally Bennett was a prisoner of war and it was his duty to escape if possible. Associated Press.

CHUNGKING, NOV. 27.

GENERALISSIMO CHIANG KAI-SHEK HAS CREATED A SUPREME ECONOMIC COUNCIL TO EXTRICATE CHINA FROM THE FINANCIAL MORASS OF WAR AND CIVIL STRIFE. AS HIS ARMIES PUSH ON TOWARD THE BIG INDUSTRIAL CITY OF MUKDEN, MANCHURIA, WITHOUT CHALLENGE FROM HIS COMMUNIST RIVALS, THE MAN WHO STIFFENED CHINA TO RESIST JAPAN HAS PLACED HIS NATION'S POST-WAR DESTINY IN THE HANDS OF PREMIER T. V. SOONG, AS CHAIRMAN OF HIS NEW ECONOMIC COUNCIL, WITH VICE-PREMIER WONG WEN-SAO AS VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Search For The Lost Legion

LONDON, NOV. 27. THE LOST LEGION, SEVEN THOUSAND STRONG, OF BRITISH, DOMINION, AND AMERICAN TROOPS WHO HAVE MYSTERIOUSLY VANISHED WITHOUT TRACE IN THE VARIOUS THEATRES OF WAR, AND ARE STILL BELIEVED TO BE ALIVE, ARE BEING SOUGHT OUT BY THE AUTHORITIES.

Many who deserted, and who for reasons of their own have no desire to return to this country, are known to be living abroad. Hundreds of them have married and settled down to earn a living in Germany, France, and Poland, while others are believed to be "living native" in North Africa. The British Embassy in Warsaw recently sent out a radio appeal to all British prisoners of war in Poland to get in touch with the Hotel Polonia in Warsaw, and those who have married Polish women were told to send their marriage certificates so that their wives could be brought to this country. That is the first step in the all-out effort to find out the whereabouts of the Lost Legion.

IN ARAB DRESS

In Egypt a soldier who is alleged to have stolen a large sum of money is believed to have dressed in Arab dress and is hiding in Palestine. Police patrols are on the search for him.

In Germany it is regarded as a certainty that a good deal of the Black Marketing is in the hands of American troops who are "over the hill."

British and Dominion troops are also known to be living in the liberated areas, while others are thought to have entered Switzerland and are working there. A War Office official said: "We have no idea of the numbers of men who are 'wandering' for that is bound up in the totals of missing men."

"What we are anxious to do is to check up through the British Embassies or Legations in the various theatres of war what has happened to many men who have just disappeared."

Test For Sjahir

BATAVIA, NOV. 27. BRITISH POLITICAL ADVISORS AND DUTCH OFFICIALS WERE WATCHING CLOSELY TO-DAY A MEETING OF 144 INDOONESIAN DELEGATES FROM ALL PARTS OF JAVA TO SEE WHETHER THE UNRECOGNIZED GOVERNMENT OF PREMIER SUKARNO WOULD WIN THEIR SUPPORT.

If the premier wins the Indonesian committee's approval, it is believed the chances are good for resumption of Dutch-Indonesian peace talks.

M. S. Lenning, British foreign officer, said before his departure to report to Lord Louis Mountbatten at Singapore: "The conflict between British forces and Indonesian extremists has nothing to do with the Indonesian independence movement."

"British forces simply are putting down terrorism, as would be done in any country in the world." Seven British air transports dropped food and other supplies to Allied personnel around Ambarawa. They were accompanied by two American-made Thunderbolt fighter planes. Associated Press.

A charity football game will be played at Footscrap on Sunday between Royal Air Force and Chinese. The Chinese who did well to hold Army to a draw last Saturday hope to have Fung King-cheng and Hsu Ching-to, at present in Canton, in their line-up.

Washington, Nov. 27. Irwin H. Evans, 33, Seventh-Day adventist Church leader, who spent seven years in Shanghai as President of the Far Eastern Division died on Saturday night. Associated Press.

In what had been heralded as an important announcement of policy Generalissimo Chiang has erected the Council to assure "a united democratic, strong and prosperous nation and raise the standard of living of its people."

The Council is empowered to use China's resources to the utmost in order to achieve economic gains, to lay down broad plans to fulfill them and to coordinate economic activities of the various governmental departments.

SPARE NO EFFORT

The Generalissimo promised a new deal for China and promised to whip the Chinese Communists into orderly line to unify the reconstruction under his central regime.

Although not mentioning the Communists by name, the Generalissimo declared yesterday, "Some people have placed their personal interests above national interests and have gone so far as to interfere violently with the Government's effort to restore order in liberated areas."

He said the Government was acting forcefully to correct this condition. "We will spare no effort to bring internal order and security to the nation," he asserted.

FOREIGN TRADE

He said he would assume personal direction of China's economic reconstruction and development and declared Chinese farmers would be among the first to benefit. He proposed transportation improvements and a study of China's cities with an aim to developing foreign trade. Chiang warned that China's problems could not be solved by aid from other nations.

"What we seek from our friends abroad is primarily economic cooperation on a sound business basis," the Generalissimo declared.

Edwin A. Locke, President Truman's personal representative here, called Chiang's pronouncement very encouraging. Locke, who discussed the economic situation with Chiang during a tour of China, said the new economic Council should provide an "increasingly sound practical basis" for Chinese-American cooperation. Associated Press.

PERSIAN PROTEST TO THE KREMLIN

WASHINGTON, NOV. 27. THE UNITED STATES HAS PROPOSED THAT THE ARMED FORCES OF BRITAIN AND RUSSIA WITHDRAW FROM IRAN BY JANUARY 1 AND INDICATED EVACUATION OF AMERICAN FORCES WOULD BE COMPLETED BY THAT DATE. MEANWHILE, IRAN PROTESTED RUSSIA'S HALTING OF IRANIAN TROOPS DISPATCHED TO QUELL THE UPRISING IN AZERBAIJAN IN NORTHERN IRAN.

A British Foreign Office spokesman said the Government did not recognize the self-proclaimed independent congress of Azerbaijan.

Recalling that the three major powers pledged in 1943 in the Teheran declaration to respect the independent sovereignty and territorial integrity of Iran, the United States said

NOVEL SENT BY CABLE

London, Nov. 27. A 50,000-word novel has just been cabled from London to Australia to enable a Sydney daily newspaper to beat a rival in a swift renewal of peace-time competition.

The London office of a Sydney newspaper heard that a competitor was publishing in serial form a book by the British crime writer Peter Cheyney, and had also bought the rights of two novels already published.

They discovered Mr. Cheyney had a new novel which was not only to be published in England in November but was dedicated to Australian prisoners of war. They immediately bought the serial rights and decided to cable the whole of it.

Transmission to Australia cost a penny per word—£250 in all.

The Troops First

San Francisco, Nov. 27. Harry Bridges, President of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union has announced that his Union will cease, on December 1, the commercial loading of cargo on ships which it believes should be assigned to carrying troops home. Associated Press.

P.W.'s Slowly Starved

Manila, Nov. 27. Investigators said at the Yamashita trial it was established that the prisoners of war were slowly starving to death in internment camps. Asked about the Bilibid prison where witnesses had testified that the internees ate cats and dogs the Japanese prison Commander Koh said that sufficient amounts of food were sent there.

He also stated that neither he nor other prison camp commanders had authority to execute prisoners. He said that if any were slain it was after the prisoner had appeared before a military court.

The previous testimony detailed instances of summary executions of the prisoners. Associated Press.

Pitched Battles With Palestine Jews

SIX WERE REPORTED KILLED AND 50 WOUNDED IN PITCHED BATTLES YESTERDAY AS TANK-SUPPORTED BRITISH TROOPS ARMED WITH MORTARS AND TEAR GAS MOVED AGAINST HALF A DOZEN JEWISH VILLAGES IN A SEARCH FOR PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR ATTACKS ON TWO COAST GUARD STATIONS.

DESPATCHES SAID THOUSANDS OF SHOOTING JEWS WERE STREAMING TOWARD SHEFAYIM, WHERE BRITISH TROOPS AND POLICE BATTLED AGAINST A BARRICADED FORCE FOR TWO HOURS. ADDITIONAL BRITISH FORCES WERE RUSHED INTO THE TROUBLED COASTAL AREA.

CALCUTTA NORMAL

NEW DELHI, NOV. 27. STUDENTS WHO PROTESTED AGAINST THE ACTIVITIES OF THE POLICE DURING LAST WEEK'S ANTI-BRITISH DEMONSTRATIONS IN CALCUTTA HELD A MASS MEETING WITHIN A MILE OF THE COURTROOM IN THE FORT WHERE THE TRIAL OF THE INDIAN NATIONAL ARMY PERSONNEL IS BEING HELD.

Calcutta is returning to normal with the strike of 20,000 municipal employees there ended last night, relieving a serious threat to the city's water supply. Associated Press.

Another Jap. Dream That Vanished

(By John Roderick)

CHUNGKING, NOV. 27. DURING THE 14 YEARS OF HER OCCUPATION JAPAN HAS PUMPED THE EQUIVALENT OF MUCH MORE THAN U.S. \$1,000,000,000 INTO MANCHURIA HOPEFULLY TO TURN IT INTO A SUPPLY DUMP FOR ALL HER TERRITORIAL ADVANCES IN ASIA. THE EARLY JAPANESE DREAMS, HOWEVER, OF CONVERTING THE GREAT NORTH-EAST TERRITORY INTO AN INDUSTRIAL BASE WHICH WOULD MAKE ITS FAMED KWANTUNG AND OTHER ARMIES INDEPENDENT OF NAVAL SUPPLY ROUTES TO THE HOMELAND VANISHED WHEN THEY FOUND THEMSELVES UNABLE TO BUILD PLANTS TO PROCESS RAW MATERIALS.

Thus one of the richest regions which lay fallow under the conqueror's hand even became an embarrassment when so large an area had to be defended against the Russian legions pouring down from the north.

Wrested from China in 1931 without hardly a shot Manchuria marked the beginning of the long march of Japanese conquest. The world seems already to have forgotten a fact it has often proclaimed in recent years—that the incident at Mukden which provided the Japanese an excuse to invade Manchuria was the spark which really ignited the fires of world war No. 2.

Manchuria is a land potentially fabulous in mineral and agricultural riches. It is estimated that under this vast land space there is as much as 22,000,000,000 tons of coal, 960,000,000 tons of iron—half of all China—considerable deposits of gold and 8,000,000,000 tons of oil shale. Above ground it has the most

important single concentration of forests in all China—probably 90,000,000 acres of virgin forest east and west of the great plain, including the famed Korean pine, important hardwood which towers 100 feet into the air and as much as ten feet in diameter at the base.

The central plains are perhaps the last of the good arable and undeveloped land in the world.

The total population approaches 40,000,000, overwhelmingly Chinese with minorities of Russian, Japanese and Koreans.

Japan left behind a fairly sizeable industry in a number of modern cities like Changchun but the big question is whether China can modernize it on the basis of peasant agriculture. Lack of capital internally makes this improbable. Only if foreign loans at extremely low rates of interest can be obtained will this prospect be realized. Transportation is always better in winter when the ground is frozen. Mud in summer makes the country virtually impassable.

VEKED QUESTION

The question of railroads has always been a vexing and perplexing one in Manchuria. As early as 1895 Japan indicated her desire to expand territorially on the Asiatic Continent. When Russian intervention following the Sino-Jap war restored the Liaotung Peninsula to China Russian received in exchange permission to extend its railroad through northern Manchuria and also drop the spur down to Port Arthur which the Russians had begun to fortify heavily in 1900.

United States interest in Manchuria has been historically small.

Japan's trade during 1927 was 40 per cent, China's 30 per cent, Russia's 13 per cent and United States 4 per cent. American trade did increase slightly to 5.2 per cent, but during the same time Japanese trade was 70 per cent, and Russia had almost completely disappeared from the picture. Associated Press.

FRIENDLY CRICKET

In a friendly cricket game on the Cricket Club ground yesterday, Royal Marine Engineers "A" Company beat H.M.S. Torpichore by 100 runs.

Battling first Engineers scored 165 to which the sailors could only reply with 65. Lieut. Mellish with 58, which included five boundaries, was top scorer for Engineers and he was followed by M. Perry with 22 not out. Hudson with 16 was the best batsman for the sailors.

Burton and Hudson each secured four of the Engineers' wickets. Perry and Ballard with four and three wickets respectively were the most successful bowlers for the winners.

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7.30 p.m.—Hits from Ivor Novello's Shows.

8.00 p.m.—Forces Request Hour—Classical.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.05 p.m.—Lou Whiteco Quintet with Morison & Kaye on Two Pianos—ENBA.

9.30 p.m.—"La Boheme" (Puccini)—Patricia Mitchell.

10.15 p.m.—Schubert—Romantic Ballad Music.

10.25 p.m.—Libert & Sandler (Viola) & His Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down. "ENBA" are recorded specially for Service Entertainment by the Department of National Service Entertainment.

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